

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There is disclosed an organic electroluminescent image display apparatus in which light is taken out from a cathode layer side of an upper surface and which is capable of displaying a high-quality image. The organic electroluminescent image display apparatus of the present invention includes at least an anode layer, organic layer, barrier conductive layer having optical transparency, and cathode layer having the optical transparency successively disposed on a substrate. The barrier conductive layer is a thin film including at least one of a metal, inorganic nitride, and inorganic oxide formed by a vacuum film forming method in which oxygen is not introduced in a film forming step. Accordingly, the barrier conductive layer disposed between the organic layer and cathode prevents oxidation of the organic layer by oxygen introduction at the time of formation of the cathode. Moreover, another organic electroluminescent image display apparatus of the present invention includes an anode layer, organic layer, first cathode layer having optical transparency, electron transport protective layer having the optical transparency, and second cathode layer having the optical transparency successively disposed on a substrate. The electron transport protective layer contains an alkali metal and/or an alkali earth metal in a electron transporting organic material. Accordingly, the electron transport protective layer disposed between the

first cathode layer and second cathode layer prevents degradation or oxidation of the organic layer or the first cathode layer at the time of the formation of the second cathode layer.